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In Re Application of:	Examiner:
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Serial No: 09/513,239	Art Unit: 3728
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For: METHODS AND CONTAINERS FOR PREVENTING CONTAMINATION OF PRODUCTS FROM PRODUCT LABELS AND ADHESIVES	

BOX RCE
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE WITH RCE

Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action for the above-identified application dated September 17, 2002, the statutory period for response being extended until February 17, 2003 by the enclosed Two Month Petition for Extension of Time. A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is being filed with this response. This Response is formatted to conform to the Pre-OG Notice of January 13, 2003 entitled, *Amendments in Revised Format Now Permitted*.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Subject to the approval, please add new Figures 6 and 7 which are being submitted on two sheets of informal drawings in an accompanying Letter to the Office Draftsperson.